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Parents' National Educational Union.

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Hon. Sec. and Treasurer to
THE READING BRANCH
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Seral, Craven Road,
and
Friar Street Chambers, Reading.

FRIAR STREET CHAMBERS,
READING.

4th May 1907.

Mrs Lock,

26 Victoria Street,

London S. W.

Dear Mrs Lock,

I am sorry to say I have had no application for the 5 Season Tickets you sent me so I return them herewith but I think that a few Members of this Branch are going to the Conversazione on Monday and possibly one or more Meetings but they propose to pay at the door.

I had myself intended to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Council and the subsequent Meetings on Monday but I found yesterday that it would be almost if not quite impossible for me to do so and in case I am unable to be there will you please apologize for my absence and say how sorry I am I have been prevented attending.

✕ Will you please also state that I think it will be a very great mistake if the proposed new Rule NO: 22 is passed and if I had been present at the Council Meeting I should have strongly opposed it.

Local Branches surely know what their expenses are likely to be much better than the Executive Committee and it seems to me that it is for the Members of the Local Branch to fix the amount of their own subscriptions and to compel them to submit to dictation on this point from the Executive Committee will be a great mistake and one which the Members of the Council will, in my opinion, deeply regret in the future should they approve the proposal.

Supposing for example the Executive Committee should decide that the Subscription shall be 7/6 or 10/- per annum you will, in my opinion, wipe out 50% and possibly 75% of the Members of the Reading Branch.

I sincerely trust therefore the Council will not approve this proposed alteration.

I shall do my best to attend but I fear it will be impossible.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Dryland Hartburn

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Union and Hon. Secretary of the
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Mrs. E. L. Franklin

50, Porchester Terrace
Hyde Park
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or by appointment)

March 7th, 1907.

Dear Miss Parish,

I am glad to say that the Executive Committee, which met on Monday, confirmed my proposal to engage you as paid organiser of the Parents' National Educational Union.

The following are the details of the engagement.

Salary, £120 plus travelling expenses out of London. Your duties would be to undertake all correspondence in connection with the formation of Branches, the arrangement of lectures for Branches and the obtaining of new members, to inspect and visit schools where desirable, and otherwise furthering this side of the P.N.E.U., to deliver lectures where necessary, to meet local Committees, to stir up local interest and arrange for Reading Circles, Talks to Nurses in various localities, and in fact to do any organising work that might be decided upon by the Hon. Organising Secretary. As long as I occupy this post I can promise you much interesting work, as I have many ideas which we have not yet had the staff to carry out. When not engaged in visiting Branches your hours at the Office would be from 10 to 4, where you would conduct your own special correspondence and help the general secretary in her work.

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We have decided on short hours and no Saturday attendance, as we feel that you will require the evenings and Saturdays for preparing lectures, etc., though when these are once done you will be able to use them over and over again.

We should promise you a six weeks' holiday in the year, to be arranged according to a convenient time. The arrangement is to date from about the middle of September 1907, and to be terminable on a three months' notice on either side.

The Committee feel that they are very fortunate in securing your services and believe that it will result in great advantage to the Union, as with your special knowledge of the principles and of the teaching you will be able to help in many different directions; and may I say that personally it will be a great pleasure to feel that you are working with me.

We are a little anxious about the salary, and though we feel that it is not as much as you would have commanded as a teacher it is the very outside that we can afford to offer you, and we feel that you will recognise that this kind of work is not paid quite at the rate of that of a trained teacher but has other compensating advantages.

As to where you will live will be of course a question for you to decide. In some ways it would be a great advantage if you could

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be somewhere near here, so that you could call here on your way
to the Office and to a certain extent settle the day's plans.
However, these details can be arranged later on.

Believe me,

yours sincerely
E. L. Franklin

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C O P Y ,

Spange Hawe,
Ewhurst,
Guildford.

March 8. 1907.

Dear Mrs. Franklin,

I am so very glad that the Committee have confirmed your proposal. I know how interesting the work will be and how much I shall like it all. I hope, very much, that I shall be able to do all that is wanted and I am, so very much, looking forward to working with you.

I am very grateful to you for arranging to wait till September and I am sure I shall be of much more use after the rest.

I feel that the salary of £120 is very generous and I fully understand that the sense of helping in the work and the great interest of it all will fully compensate for the little extra money I might gain in teaching. I am most happy about every part of it.

Yours very sincerely,

(SIGNED) Ellen A. Parish